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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ZONING COMMISSION

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PUBLIC HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF:

CORNELL UNIVERSITY,  
SQUARE 69, LOT 821  
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Case No. 03-32

Thursday,  
December 11, 2003

Hearing Room 220 South  
441 4th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

The Public Hearing of Case No. 03-32 by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Office of Zoning Hearing Room at 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Carol J. Mitten, Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

CAROL J. MITTEN  
ANTHONY J. HOOD  
PETER G. MAY

Chairperson  
Vice Chairperson  
Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

ALBERTO BASTIDA

Secretary

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## OTHER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

ELLEN MCCARTHY

Deputy Director,  
Office of Planning  
Office of Planning

KAREN THOMAS

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P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

(6:38 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

This is a public hearing of the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for Thursday, December 11, 2003.

My name is Carol Mitten, and joining me this evening are Vice Chairman Anthony Hood and Commissioner Peter May.

The subject of this evening's hearing is Zoning Commission Case Number 03-32. This is a request by Cornell University for special exception relief pursuant to Sections 352.2 and 3104 of the Zoning Regulations, 11 DCMR, for approval to expand its Washington, D.C. campus to include the lower level of the existing building located at 2148 O Street, N.W., which is Lot 821 in Square 69.

Notice of today's hearing was published in the D.C. Register on October 24, 2003, and copies of that announcement are in the wall bin near the door.

This hearing will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of 11 DCMR Section 3117.

The order of procedure will be as follows:

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1 preliminary matters, followed by the presentation of  
2 the Petitioner's case, report by the Office of  
3 Planning, reports of other government agencies, report  
4 of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission that's  
5 affected -- in this case it's 2B -- organizations and  
6 persons in support, and organizations and persons in  
7 opposition.

8 The following time constraints will be  
9 maintained in this hearing. The Petitioner will have  
10 15 minutes, organizations five minutes, individuals  
11 three minutes.

12 The Commission intends to adhere to these  
13 time limits as strictly as possible in order to hear  
14 the case in a reasonable period of time. The  
15 Commission reserves the right to change the time  
16 limits for presentations if necessary, and notes that  
17 no time shall be ceded.

18 All persons appearing before the  
19 Commission are to fill out two witness cards. These  
20 cards are on the table near the door. Upon coming  
21 forward to speak to the Commission, please give both  
22 cards to the Reporter, who is sitting to our right.

23 The decision of the Commission in this  
24 case must be based exclusively on the public record.  
25 To avoid any appearance to the contrary, the

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1 Commission requests that persons present not engage  
2 the members of the Commission in conversation during a  
3 recess or at any other time.

4 Staff will be available throughout the  
5 hearing to discuss any procedural questions. Please  
6 turn off all beepers and cell phones at this time, so  
7 as not to disrupt these proceedings.

8 At this time, we will consider any  
9 preliminary matters. Mr. Bastida?

10 SECRETARY BASTIDA: Madam Chairman, the  
11 staff has no preliminary matters. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Thank you.

13 Mr. Collins, anything?

14 All right. Well, then, will all of those  
15 individuals who plan to testify please rise now to  
16 take the oath.

17 Ms. Schellin, raise your right hand.

18 (Whereupon, an oath was administered to  
19 all persons planning to testify.)

20 MS. SCHELLIN: Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Thank you.

22 Go right ahead whenever you're ready.

23 MR. COLLINS: Thank you. Madam Chair,  
24 members of the Commission, my name is Christopher  
25 Collins with the law firm of Holland & Knight. Seated

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1 to my left is Jill Cooper of our office. Ms. Cooper  
2 is a planner. And seated to my right is Linda  
3 Jarschauer Johnson, Executive Director of the Cornell  
4 Center. To my far right, Ashley Howell from RTKL, who  
5 is here to answer questions about the proposal.

6 This is an application for amendment to an  
7 approved campus plan and further processing for the  
8 expansion of the campus into the lower level of the  
9 building at 2148 O Street, N.W.

10 Madam Chair, members of the Commission,  
11 you have seen some large campus plan cases, and you  
12 have seen some that are not so large, and this is  
13 probably the smallest that you have seen or ever will  
14 see.

15 Cornell has occupied the building for 20  
16 years, pursuant to BZA approval in 1983, and the two  
17 people in the middle of the table in front of you were  
18 here then to present the case. So Ms. Johnson has  
19 extensive knowledge about the operations of the  
20 school, the campus, the Cornell Center, and will be  
21 happy to answer any questions you might have.

22 Cornell has occupied, as I said, for 20  
23 years in total harmony with the neighborhood. The  
24 submission that we've presented to you fully -- shows  
25 how we fully meet the requirements of Section 210 of

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1 the regulations for a campus plan.

2 We have met with the ANC, and they have  
3 indicated their support. The Office of Planning has  
4 indicated support in their written report, and the  
5 Department of Transportation has indicated no  
6 opposition.

7 The exhibits that are attached to our  
8 submission, I'll quickly go through those. Exhibit A,  
9 Tab A, shows the location of the site. Tab B is the  
10 zoning map. You can see that we are within a block of  
11 the commercial corridor just west of Dupont Circle in  
12 the west end area in an R-5-B zone. C is the --  
13 Exhibit C is a plat of the property. Exhibit D are  
14 several photos of the property.

15 Just to orient you, D-1 is the -- shows  
16 the front of the building, the O Street front of the  
17 building from both the left side and the right side.  
18 There are two shots of the same frontage. On Exhibit  
19 D-2, that shows the corner of the site, the 22nd and  
20 the O Street side. On the right-hand side is the 22nd  
21 Street side.

22 And if you look in that photo you can see  
23 down at the bottom of the building two white --  
24 actually, they are doors, the two entrances into the  
25 lower level, which are depicted on the plan. Just to

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1 orient you where it sits in relation to the property.

2 D-3 shows some of the signage of the  
3 Cornell Center, and there will be some additional  
4 signs at those two doors, which will be similar in  
5 character to the signage that's shown on D-3. And D-4  
6 just shows the front door on O Street of the Cornell  
7 Center.

8 Exhibit E is the original order from 1983,  
9 which was good for a period of time. It was  
10 reapproved in 1987 permanently. And then, Tab G is  
11 the plans that we are presenting to you tonight.  
12 Exhibit H is the campus plan itself, the one-sheet  
13 campus plan from 1987 showing the layout of the floor  
14 of the -- the first floor of the building at that  
15 time. There have been some slight changes, which  
16 we'll talk about and have been discussed in our  
17 submission.

18 Tab I is our proposed conditions of  
19 approval. And we have spoken to the Office of  
20 Planning about these proposed conditions, and I'm sure  
21 they'll have something to say about them. And  
22 Exhibit J is the outline of testimony of Linda  
23 Johnson.

24 So unless there are any questions at this  
25 time, we'd like to go directly to our first and only

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1 witness to make a direct presentation, to Ms. Johnson.

2 We have her testimony in writing, which we'd like to  
3 submit to the Commission, and then Ms. Johnson will  
4 simply summarize her testimony.

5 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Please go ahead.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Good evening.

7 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Would you turn on  
8 your microphone there?

9 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. My name is Linda  
10 Jarschauer Johnson. I live at 2415 20th Street, N.W.,  
11 in Washington, D.C. I am currently, and have been for  
12 the past 20 years, the Executive Director of the  
13 Cornell in Washington Program.

14 Just to make a clarification, we used  
15 Cornell in Washington as the term to describe the  
16 major academic program that is housed in the Cornell  
17 Center. Therefore, the Cornell Center is actually the  
18 university's campus in Washington, D.C.

19 The Cornell in Washington Program provides  
20 an opportunity for selected juniors and seniors to  
21 spend a semester in Washington. They work as externs.

22 They take classes and they do research.

23 I've attached for your information to the  
24 testimony just a sample -- a list of where the  
25 students have externships this semester. Over the 20

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1 years, we've had more than 2,000 students participate.

2 So obviously our entire list is much more extensive  
3 and very varied.

4 So in addition to working three days a  
5 week at an externship of their choice, the students  
6 carry a full academic load, which includes taking one  
7 of the core courses for eight credits and one or two  
8 electives which are taught, for a total of 12 or 18  
9 credits.

10 I am pleased to say that most of the  
11 students say that this is their best Cornell semester,  
12 and we tend to think it's because, unlike the main  
13 campus, our classes are very small, and we are not  
14 centrally isolated in upstate New York.

15 We are very proud of our website and  
16 invite any of you who would be interested to take a  
17 look at it at [ciw.cornell.edu](http://ciw.cornell.edu). And in addition to the  
18 semester program which is described there, in 1998 we  
19 started a summer program, and we have a group of  
20 students who come for a much shorter duration, have  
21 fewer elective courses, and don't get to do the  
22 research part. But it does exist.

23 We started in 1980, not in this building,  
24 but with six students and a budget of \$5,000. In  
25 1983, we negotiated a lease for 2148 O Street, and the

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1 students lived on the second, third, and fourth floor  
2 as a matter of right.

3 And in that year, we also asked for zoning  
4 approval to use the first floor as our campus. That  
5 was approved in January of 1984, but for a three-year  
6 period. And we went back in December of 1987, and we  
7 were granted permission in perpetuity as long as our  
8 students were living upstairs.

9 And it was very gratifying to say that  
10 some of the neighbors who had concerns about Cornell  
11 coming to the neighborhood in 1983 came back in 1987  
12 and spoke on our behalf.

13 So I think we've enjoyed good relations.  
14 When Cornell first thought about buying the building  
15 last year, I did go to the ANC and the Dupont Circle  
16 Citizens Association, told them what we were thinking  
17 about, asked them if they had any concerns, because we  
18 wanted to be sure that we addressed anything up front  
19 and didn't get into something that was going to be  
20 problematic.

21 Basically, there were no negative  
22 comments, because we are not expanding the number of  
23 students, and we're still not letting them bring cars.

24 And we're not serving alcoholic beverages, and we are  
25 planning to continue to be the good neighbors that we

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1 are.

2 So the big news was that after 20 years  
3 Cornell finally bought the building on -- in July of  
4 this past year. And now we have the whole building  
5 and wanted to expand into the lower level.

6 From 1985 to 1998, while we were leasing  
7 the upper four floors, the Capitol Women's Clinic  
8 rented the lower level. It was a medical clinic that  
9 performed abortions in addition to other medical  
10 procedures and was the scene of large protests every  
11 year in January on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade.

12 They went out of business in August of  
13 1998 for financial reasons, for no other reason. And  
14 the lower level has been vacant ever since.

15 Basically, we'd like to expand to the  
16 lower level for the following purposes. We want to  
17 make an up-to-date video conference space and have  
18 some meeting space. We want to have some storage  
19 space, which we've been sorely lacking these 20 years.

20 The Cornell Club of Washington, which is a  
21 volunteer-based alumni association, has a little  
22 office which currently is on the first floor that they  
23 use to store their materials. We're going to move  
24 them down to the lower level, so that we can use the  
25 space on the first floor for academic purposes for our

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1 faculty and tutors.

2 And then, they have monthly meetings at  
3 the Cornell Center, which used to be on the first  
4 floor and will more than likely be on the lower level  
5 once we get this done.

6 In addition, there are some Cornell  
7 researchers who are also based in Washington, D.C.,  
8 the Cornell Center for Policy Research. They used to  
9 rent space near Dupont Circle at the Carnegie  
10 Endowment. They now are on upper Connecticut Avenue,  
11 and they are very anxious to come down and be in our  
12 facility, so they can have our access to the internet  
13 and other Cornell services that we can have by being  
14 in the same building.

15 As I'll reiterate again, we're not going  
16 to increase the number of students. We're still going  
17 to discourage students from bringing cars. And if  
18 they do, they have to give us proof that it's parked  
19 off the neighborhood streets. We do not help them get  
20 -- we do not let them get residential parking permits.

21 We don't serve alcohol beverages, because  
22 the majority of the students are under 21. And there  
23 will be some additional employees with the moving in  
24 of this research group, but their total is no more  
25 than eight or 10. And the nature of their research is

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1 that they are not there all at the same time, and it's  
2 certainly less occupancy than when there was a clinic  
3 down below.

4 RTKL has worked with us to develop a  
5 conceptual plan, and Ashley Howell is here to answer  
6 any questions that you may have about that space.

7 As stated on pages 5 through 11 of our  
8 prehearing statement, as well as in the report of the  
9 Office of Planning, we believe that our application  
10 meets the tests for special exception approval, and I  
11 would be pleased to answer any specific questions that  
12 you may have.

13 We were very gratified that on  
14 November 12th at the ANC-2B meeting the group  
15 unanimously approved our application, and the Chairman  
16 even commented that it was probably -- ours was  
17 probably the first campus plan he had ever heard of  
18 that had no opposition.

19 Cornell has been a part of the community  
20 for the past 20 years. We've tried to be a good  
21 neighbor, and I think the lack of opposition from  
22 neighborhood organizations and residents has proved  
23 that we have succeeded.

24 We hope that our application for an  
25 exception will be granted, and we will continue to be

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1 a vital part of the Dupont Circle community.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Thank you.

4 Anything else?

5 MR. COLLINS: No, that concludes our  
6 testimony.

7 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: All right.

8 MR. COLLINS: We're available for  
9 questions.

10 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Okay. Any questions?  
11 Any questions, Mr. May?

12 COMMISSIONER MAY: I have to have at least  
13 one question. On the plans that -- on the ground  
14 floor plan there is a note all the way to the left  
15 side that says, "Accessible lift to the first floor."  
16 What the heck is that, and how does that relate to  
17 the building?

18 MS. JOHNSON: Want me to do that? In  
19 1993, when we negotiated our second 10-year lease, we  
20 did some improvements, and we decided that we should  
21 have handicapped access to the first floor. At the  
22 time, the clinic was in the basement.

23 And so on the side of that building in the  
24 alley we opened up one of the windows and made it a  
25 door, and we put one of those automatic lifts, so you

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1 can go in on the first floor and --

2 COMMISSIONER MAY: Okay.

3 MS. JOHNSON: -- come up. We've never  
4 used it. We haven't had a handicapped student. And  
5 there is all likelihood that once we have the basement  
6 as part of our plan that then we could have keys, so  
7 that the elevator could go down, and we might be able  
8 to get rid of that.

9 COMMISSIONER MAY: Okay. So the elevator  
10 does go all the way down to the lowest level?

11 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. It's currently stopped  
12 at the first floor, but it is possible for it to go  
13 down.

14 COMMISSIONER MAY: It's just keyed off  
15 from the bottom?

16 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER MAY: Okay. Okay. I saw it  
18 there, and I was wondering whether it was like a  
19 mistake, because I didn't see any door there or any  
20 way to get into the building from there.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, right. So that -- what  
22 looks like a window there, no -- oh, yes, it's -- the  
23 door is not on that first -- on the lower level. It's  
24 on the first floor. So what looks like a window of  
25 the meeting room on the first floor --

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1 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: -- is actually a door.

3 COMMISSIONER MAY: Okay. All right. And  
4 then, one other question. What happened to the  
5 architecture program?

6 MS. JOHNSON: Well, they were there for  
7 about eight years of the first 10-year lease.

8 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: And I was telling Ashley  
10 that --

11 COMMISSIONER MAY: Washington just wasn't  
12 interesting enough?

13 (Laughter.)

14 MS. JOHNSON: Well, it was that Cornell  
15 started an architectural program in Rome. And it was  
16 a little hard to compete.

17 (Laughter.)

18 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: So more students were  
20 wanting to go to Rome than to come to Washington. And  
21 they didn't have the resources to staff both of them,  
22 so --

23 COMMISSIONER MAY: Okay.

24 MS. JOHNSON: -- we lost out.

25 COMMISSIONER MAY: All right. Thanks.

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1 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Okay. I think we're  
2 done.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Ready to move to the  
5 report by the Office of Planning. Ms. Thomas.

6 MS. THOMAS: Good evening, Madam Chair,  
7 members of the Commission. I'm Karen Thomas with the  
8 Office of Planning's report on Cornell University's  
9 request for an amendment to its approved campus plan  
10 and further processing to permit space expansion for  
11 current programs to the basement of its building.

12 OP reviewed the application based on  
13 criteria outlined in Section 210.1, and we determined  
14 as follows. That the university has occupied and  
15 operated its programs at this location for over 20  
16 years. It offers selective programs for 75 students  
17 as specified in its original order. Operation of  
18 programs on the first floor has not been objectionable  
19 to neighboring property during this period.

20 The requested amendment involves  
21 increasing the existing space to include occupancy of  
22 the basement level of the building to provide more  
23 room for existing programs and academics. This does  
24 not involve an increase in the student population or  
25 additional programs.

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1           The educational use will be self-contained  
2           within a masonry building and basement.   Therefore,  
3           the noise impact will be minimal.

4           The proposed amendment involves minor  
5           interior modifications, not involving new building  
6           construction or any other major operational or  
7           programmatic changes to the campus plan.

8           Since the material facts upon which  
9           original approvals were based have not changed, OP  
10          does not believe that expansion to the basement would  
11          create any objectionable conditions for the  
12          neighborhood. The proposed uses for the rooms would  
13          not affect current loading and parking facilities,  
14          signage, or recreational facilities, nor will it  
15          produce a change in the activities currently conducted  
16          on campus.

17          The amendment is completely within the  
18          campus plan boundary, with minimal impact predicted on  
19          parking, vehicular circulation, or other conditions,  
20          which may be deemed objectionable by the neighborhood.

21          Therefore, granting this special exception will be in  
22          harmony with the general purpose of the zoning regs  
23          and zoning map, and OP supports the amendment to allow  
24          an increase of campus space to include the basement  
25          level of the building.

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1 Our report also included that conditions 3  
2 through 10 of the old order remain. However, we  
3 realize that the applicant also proposed conditions,  
4 and later determined that there was no substantial  
5 difference between conditions of the previous order  
6 and those proposed. Since they do not change the  
7 facts upon which we based our recommendation, and, as  
8 such, we have no objection to their proposed  
9 conditions.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Thank you.

12 Any questions for Ms. Thomas? Questions?

13 All right. I would just note that we have  
14 a memo from the Department of Transportation in the  
15 file with -- stating no objection to the application.

16 We have a letter of support from ANC-2B. Is there  
17 anyone who'd like to testify in support of the  
18 application? Anyone who would like to testify in  
19 opposition to the application?

20 Okay. Any closing remarks, Mr. Collins?

21 MR. COLLINS: We thank you for your time  
22 and attention, and ask that you approve our case at  
23 the earliest possible date.

24 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Okay. Mr. Hood?

25 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Madam Chair, I'd

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1 like to move that we approve the -- request approval  
2 of the amendment to approve campus plan for further  
3 processing to permit the space expansion for current  
4 programs and administrative functions to the basement  
5 of the building located in an R-5-B zone district in  
6 Square 69, Lot 821, Zoning Commission Case 03-32.

7 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Would that include  
8 the eight conditions?

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It would include  
10 the -- I think the Office of Planning recommended two  
11 changes to the conditions, and also conditions 3  
12 through 10.

13 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: I believe what Ms.  
14 Thomas said -- that's what they did recommend in their  
15 report.

16 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: She is -- they're  
18 saying they are basically --

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Upon their  
20 recommendation.

21 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Okay. I would second  
22 that.

23 Any discussion? This has been an easy  
24 one. All those in favor, please say aye.

25 (Chorus of ayes.)

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1 Those opposed, please say no.

2 (No response.)

3 No one opposed.

4 Ms. Schellin?

5 MS. SCHELLIN: Staff will record the vote  
6 three to zero to two to approve Case Number 03-32,  
7 Commissioner Hood moving, Commissioner Mitten  
8 seconding, Commissioner May in favor, Commissioner  
9 Parsons and Commissioner Hannaham not present, not  
10 voting.

11 CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Thank you. This is  
12 nice and painless for us.

13 And for those who are here for our special  
14 public meeting, we will convene that at 7:30.

15 Thank you.

16 (Whereupon, at 7:01 p.m., the proceedings  
17 in the foregoing matter were concluded.)  
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